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Michel Dupuy grants financial assistance to Montreal's Just for Laughs Festival

MONTREAL, July 5, 1995 - The Honourable Michel Dupuy, Minister of Canadian Heritage, today announced a contribution to Montreal's Just for Laughs Festival that will take place from July 19 to July 30, 1995.

"Canadian Heritage's support of cultural organizations, such as Montreal's Just for Laughs Festival, demonstrates the Canadian government's desire to contribute to developing and maintaining an environment that favours the advancement of the arts in Quebec," stated Mr. Dupuy. "The federal government is aware of the major contributions that such organizations make to enriching our artistic heritage."

The contribution of $200,000 was granted under Component III - Festivals and Special Events - of the Cultural Initiatives Program (CIP). Since its inception, the Cultural Initiatives Program has granted funding to many professional cultural organizations in order to improve management or for projects involving capital assistance, festivals or special events in areas such as cinema, dance, design, music, theatre and the visual arts.

Funding for this event, which was included in the federal budget tabled in February 1995, is part of established funding. The support granted shows that culture is among the priorities defined by this government to better serve Canadians and make rational use of public funds.

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